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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003. Claims 1 - 30 are pending.

Claims 1 - 30 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

I.   Claims 1 - 18 are said to be drawn to imides, classified in Class 564, subclass 83;

II. Claims 19 - 21 are said to be drawn to zwitterionic liquid, classified in Class 252, subclass unknown;

III. Claims 23 - 25 are said to be drawn to polymeric electrolyte membrane, classified in Class 428, subclass unknown; and

IV. Claims 27 - 30 are said to be drawn to electrochemical device, classified in Class 429, subclass unknown.

Claim 22 was not classified.

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I. Regarding election of species, Applicants elect the species wherein R_1 is perfluorobutyl group and wherein R_2 is pyridiniumyl group.

Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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